

# Romanization of Chinese Characters

## BGN / PCGN 1979 Agreement

Chinese characters which represent Mandarin Chinese names of geographic features in the People's Republic of China (P.R.C.) and which appear in official sources published by the P.R.C. are romanized by the BGN and PCGN by means of the Hanyu Pinyin system. The principal source of approved readings for such characters is the dictionary *Xinhua Zidian*, published by Commercial Press, Beijing, China, in 2004.

Chinese characters which represent Mandarin Chinese names of geographic features in Taiwan are romanized in accordance with local conventions.

For further details of romanization policy both for Chinese-speaking and minority-language areas of China and Taiwan, please consult the appropriate country-specific Geographic Names Standardization Policy, available from the BGN.

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